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For: NICOTINIC ACID COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA AND
RELATED METHODS THEREOF

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Sir:

In response to the office action, dated June 10, 1996,
applicant requests that the PTO amend the application and
reconsider the claims in view of the following remarks.

In the Specification:

On page 3, line 7, please delete "particles," and insert
--cholesterol-- in place thereof.

In the Claims:

Please add the following claim:

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~~15.~~ A method of treating hyperlipidemia in a
hyperlipidemic comprising the administration of an effective
antihyperlipidemic amount of a nicotinic acid composition once
per day in the evening or at night, wherein said nicotinic acid
composition is an oral solid dosage form that consists
essentially of nicotinic acid, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, a
water-soluble
binder and a lubricant.--